(b) if so, what was the outcome in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) No assistance for the manufacture of weapons was sought Certain cutting edge technologies to be absorbed in laboratories were discussed with potential applications in both defence and civilian sectors.

(b) The subject is still under discussion.

"नासा" की सहायता से एक भारतीय वैज्ञानिक द्वारा शोध

2339. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एक भारतीय वैज्ञानिक, डा० जे० भाट्टाचार्य को अमरीकी अन्तरिक्ष एजेंसी, "नासा" तथा अमरीका के ओहियो विश्वविद्यालय के सहयोग से हिमालय के भू-विज्ञान पर शोध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह अनुमति उन्हें किस आधार पर दी गई है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में *राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु* ऊर्जा, इलेक्ट्रानिकी और अंतरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन्) . (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Foreigners visiting India in persuit of peace and Salvation

2340 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian rules, regulations and laws are too stringent on entry of bonafide foreigners specially for those who are in persuit of knowledge and peace and salvation through India's religious leaders such as one in Kulu Valley as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of 19th October, 1986; *and*

(b) if so, whether Government propose to liberalise the existing rules and regulations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The Government do not think that the rules and regulations are stringent on entry of genuine seekers of knowledge, peace and salvation.

(b) Does not arise.

Achievements under the 20-point programme

2341. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received or called for a detailed report on the achievements made under the 20-Point Programme, IRDP and NREP; *and*

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The progress of the 20-Point Programme under IRDP and NREP is being reviewed continuously on monthly, quarterly and annual basis, for which information is furnished by the States/UTs.

(b) A statement giving the point-wise performance under the 20-Point Programme during 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 6 months (April—September, 1986) is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 88].